

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3839 - HB 3638

February 17, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the jury pool by deleting jury duty exemptions for optometrists, podiatrists, dentists, and members of the National Guard unless the National Guard member's military duties prevent jury service. Establishes a uniform procedure for all counties regarding the selection of jurors. Eliminates existing pay for jury commissioners. Authorizes court to appoint jury coordinator.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Exceeds \$50,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- This bill does not change the juror compensation provisions in Title 22 and will not have a fiscal impact on state government.
- Local government expenditures will decrease as a result of this bill. Under current law, counties are required to pay jury commissioners \$50 per day and this bill eliminates jury commissioners. Local government expenditures could increase if a judge hires a jury coordinator in addition to the court clerk. It is estimated that the majority of court clerks are already performing the tasks required in this bill and would not require additional personnel. The net impact to local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$50,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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